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Bata language

Bata (Gbwata) is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in Nigeria in Adamawa State in the Numan, Song, Fufore and Mubi LGAs, and in Cameroon in North Province along the border with Nigeria. Dialects are Demsa, Garoua, Jirai, Kobotachi, Malabu, Ndeewe, Ribaw, Wadi, and Zumu (Jimo).[2] It is often considered the same language as Bacama.

Blench (2019) lists **Bwatye** (endonym: Ɓwaare; exonym: Bachama) as a closely related language variety. They are located in Adamawa State (Numan and Guyuk LGAs) and Kaduna State (northeast of Kaduna town).[4] It is also called *Kwā ɓwàryē*.[5]

Bata	
Gbwata	
Native to	Nigeria, Cameroon
Region	Adamawa State, North Province
Native speakers	(150,000 cited 1992)[2]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ Biu–Mandara ▪ Bata languages (A.8) ▪ **Bata**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`bta` – inclusive code Individual code: `kso` – Kofa (not a distinct language)[1]
Glottolog	`bata1314 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bata1314)`[3]

Ethnic territories of the Bata-speaking people (Batta) in Nigeria, in blue

Notes

1. Hammarström (2015) Ethnologue 16/17/18th editions: a comprehensive review: online appendices
2. Bata (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/bta/) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
   Kofa (not a distinct language) (https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/kso/)[1] at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
3. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Bata" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bata1314). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
4. Blench, Roger (2019). *An Atlas of Nigerian Languages* (4th ed.). Cambridge: Kay Williamson Educational Foundation.
5. Bata materials from Raymond Boyd (https://www.rblanguesdafrique.info/bata.html)

External links

- Bata materials from Raymond Boyd (https://www.rblanguesdafrique.info/bata.html)

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